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Reading
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Landscaping Volunteers Improve Roswell Library Grounds

“It takes a village...” and we have a good one. During April and May, members of Friends of the Roswell Library and community volunteers spread wood chips on the



grounds of the Roswell Library to provide a more inviting and welcoming appearance.

Due to severe cutbacks by the Fulton County Commissioners

to the Atlanta Fulton Public Library System budget, landscaping has had a low priority, as evidenced by the condition of the library grounds. A request to Mayor Jere Wood asking the City of Roswell to provide wood chips got a quick response. His office put us in touch with Caldwell Tree Service and within three days we had our first of five loads of wood chips. Wow! A call for help spreading the chips was answered by many willing volunteers with rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows at the ready. What a great team effort.



Yes, all five piles were this big!

Very special thanks go to the following people for spreading wood chips: Friends Board members Jane Swift, Mary Ellen Kubis, Cora Cramer (not pictured), Janice Tedford, Nancy Puckett and Friends member John Kubis; Community Friends at large Greg Puckett and sons Max and

Coe; Kerri Hallahan and daughters Megan (standing on the pile of chips, below) and Kathryn (not pictured); Kimberly-Clark friends Noel



Simpson, Teresa Peterson, Ray Stern, Emma Riggers, and Megan Langgood.

Kudos also to Roswell Mayor Jere Wood, who arranged for the wood chips and to Stuart Moring, Director of Public Works/ Environmental Department who removed the huge pile



of accumulated tree limbs and debris from the library grounds. And, at Caldwell Tree Service, thanks to Kevin Caldwell, President, Scheduler Terri Dolive, and Jerome Catlin, who not only delivered chips but helped to spread them, too.



Jerome Catlin, deliverer and spreader extraordinaire!

You were all great!

Welcome to our New Members

- Julian Godwin
- Ashley Harrill
- Laura Hensley
- Kevin Horgan
- Beverly Y. Layton
- Marianne Magnus
- Kitty Meyers

- Nina O'Connor
- Vilesbia R. Salley
- Nathan Simone
- Judy Stanton
- Clint Thomas
- Lee Woehle

The May Book Sale in the Library



Update on the Library Hours Situation

In a bulletin send out on May 19th, the night before the election, Fulton County Commissioner John Eaves said the following: "...the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System will unveil a plan to restore Friday hours by re-allocating existing library resources. As an end result, 12 library branches will be open on Fridays and seven branches will have hours during every day of the week. The move would come after numerous requests from the library patrons to ensure facilities provide the public with additional access to library resources."

While this sounds encouraging, the word "re-allocating" is not "restoring." One can only wonder what it will mean.

May 29th saw the beginning of construction on Milton's new library. At the groundbreaking, Commissioner Liz Hausmann mentioned the recent changes in the library's hours of operation saying, "Our library system is going through transitions. I regret that we had to cut hours, but it's only temporary, I assure you." (Quoted in the Roswell Neighbor, 6/4/2014.)

A survey was done of the average number of hours that our neighboring counties' libraries are open, per week, compared to ours. Including the hours of each central library and, in AFPLS' case, the hours of the Auburn Avenue Research Library as well, here are the numbers:

Clayton	60.7	Cobb	46.4
Coweta	50.75	DeKalb	45.3
Gwinnett	50	Fulton	30.3

If you have comments, questions, or would like the Commissioners' email addresses: roswellgafriends@gmail.com

The Description of a Gentleman

As Clint Taylor was leaving the library one Sunday afternoon recently, he saw two fairly senior female Friends members using picks and shovels to plant Knockout roses in the hard-packed soil. He hurried home, changed into old clothes, and returned to finish the job for them. They showered him with thanks and gifted him with a Friends membership. Way to go, Clint!



Thank you, **Riverside Park**, for donating the Knockout roses; they are doing quite nicely on the library grounds. We are happy to report that they are not being eaten by deer.

Book Sale Results

Thanks to the hard work of many, the recent book sale, the first one ever held in the library proper, netted \$5,070, to be used, as always, to support the library and its programs.

Congratulations everyone!

Membership Renewal

Your address label shows when your membership expires. We appreciate your support.

- Individual \$15 Student/Teacher \$5 Family \$25
- Senior (55+) \$10 Sponsor/Business \$50

For information about volunteering, please either contact a Friends member or e-mail the Friends at roswellgafriends@gmail.com

This quarterly newsletter can now be distributed electronically. Please indicate how you would prefer to receive your newsletter: by US Mail ; by email .

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Please mail to Friends of the Roswell Library (or FoRL), 115 Norcross St., Roswell, GA 30075

Message from the President

Thank you, again and always, for your donation of time, books and money...and recently muscles! Those of us who have shoveled and spread wood chips, transplanted roses, pulled out dead bushes, trimmed dead branches, etc. hope you like the new, clean and tidy look in our wooded sanctuary. I almost always see people sitting on the benches reading or relaxing. An extra special thanks to Nancy Puckett for asking for the donation of wood chips and being rewarded with 5 loads! As we know, "Many hands make light work." (This proverb was first recorded in English in the early 1300's in a knightly romance known as *Sir Bevis of Hampton*. It has appeared in practically all proverb collections from 1546 on.)

Not into sweaty manual labor? The Friends and the library have opportunities inside as well. Just ask at the Reference Desk for the help we need right now. The library is buzzing with many activities related to the summer reading programs for all ages and I am sure there are opportunities that will interest you.

You must have liked our recent book sale in the main part of the library because an amazing number of books and other items were sold. The dollars gained will help us continue to fund library programs and services not funded by Fulton County.

Have you seen our new spacious shelving in the lob-

by and how it much easier it is to find DVDs, etc. now?

From the Spring **1996** Friends Newsletter: "Denial Ain't Just a River ... our budget continues to be cut. ... Denying the rising tide of Library patrons, businesses, and students of materials and resources they need cannot go on. All of us must pitch in to let the County know that we are a strong – and vocal – constituency." Goodness, 18 years ago and we are still (or again) trying to convince the Fulton County Commissioners that the resources and staff of our libraries are critical, valued and inadequate.

Help us save money by receiving your newsletter via email; just let us know your email address when you re-new your membership. Did you know that we also have newsletters posted on www.forl.net, along with lots of other interesting information about author events, book clubs, Roswell Reads, and links to the library's extensive programs? Remember, you can also email us at roswell-gafriends@gmail.com with questions and comments.

We just found out that our Roswell Friends group has won the 2014 Cova Partner Agency/Corporation of the Year Award! Although we are not quite sure what it all means—we'll find out soon, on behalf of our organization and all its members, we say, "Thank you. We are honored."

Jane Swift

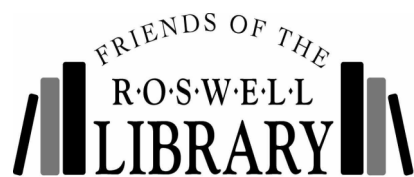
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June 17th - *The Secretary: A Journey with Hillary Clinton from Beirut to the Heart of American Power*
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